

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6-10, 12, 16-19, 22, 26-29, and 31-41 are pending. Claims 1, 6-10, 12, 16-19, 22, and 26-29 have been previously amended. New claims 31-41 have been previously added. Applicants believe that new claims 31-41 are readable on the elected species of FIGS. 2A, 2B, and 2C. Claims 2, 11, 13, 14, 20, 21, 25, and 30 have been previously cancelled. No new matter has been introduced.

Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 1, 2004, the Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.121. Applicants have enclosed a redlined version of FIG. 2B and FIG. 2C, and provided a replacement FIG. 2B and FIG. 2C (as amended) for FIG. 2B and FIG. 2C as originally filed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

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Applicants believe that the foregoing amendment and remarks place the application in condition for allowance, and a favorable action is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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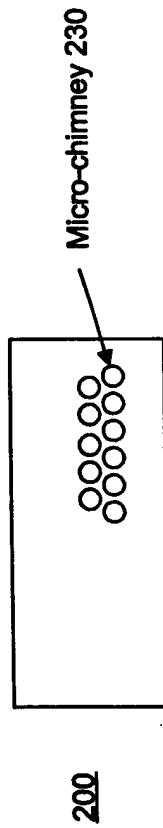
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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend FIG. 2B and FIG. 2C as shown in red on the attached copy thereof, and substitute the enclosed FIG. 2B and FIG. 2C (as amended) for FIG. 2B and FIG. 2C as originally filed.



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FIG. 2A

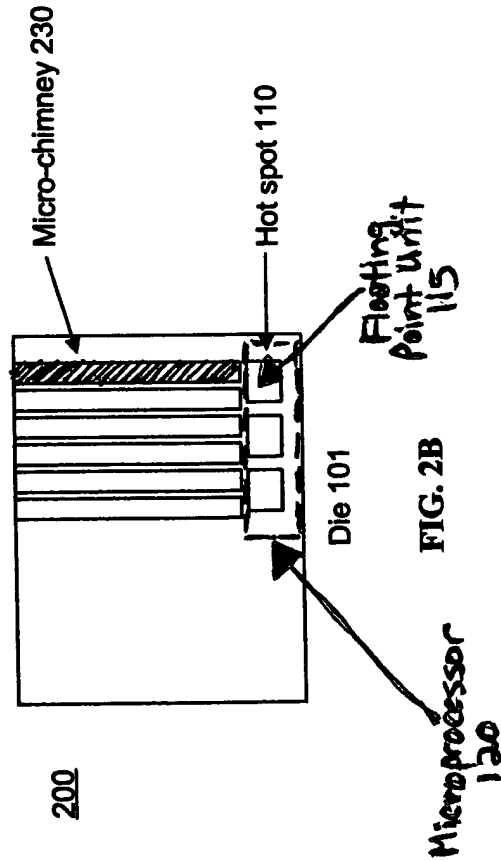


FIG. 2B

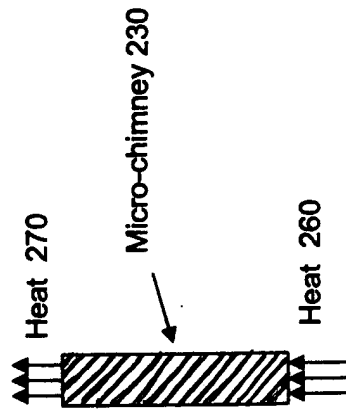


FIG. 2C